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: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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This is a request for information in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b), filed February 2, 2012, to reinstate the above-cited patent.

Petitioner is allowed a non-extendable period for reply of **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this communication to provide a response. The response should be titled, "Response to Request for Information." If no response is provided within the period set forth, a decision will be made solely on the merits as set forth in the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) filed September 28, 2009. No additional fees are due.

The patent issued July 24, 2001. The 7.5 year maintenance fee could have been paid from July 24, 2008, through January 24, 2009, or with a surcharge, as authorized by 37 CFR 1.20(h), during the period from January 25, 2009, to July 24, 2009. Petitioner did not do so. Accordingly, the patent expired at midnight on July 24, 2009.

Petitioner is required to address the following points:

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) requires that petitioner remit the outstanding maintenance fee and surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1). Such did not accompany the instant petition. Neither did an authorization to charge a deposit account for the same accompany the petition. The response must include the 7.5-year maintenance fee and surcharge.

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